Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department

Officer Involved Shooting

Report Date:	Bureau/Station/Facility:	Admin. Invest.?	Hit?
June 29, 2020	Central Patrol Division/East Los Angeles Station	[ ]	[x]

Incident Information

URN:	Date:	Time:
018-13818-0278-013	09/19/18	1833 hours

City or Station: East Los Angeles

Location: 3864 Whittier Blvd., Los Angeles

Nature of Incident: At the termination of a Code 9, a suspect exited his vehicle and fired at deputies. A 998 occurred and two suspects were deceased.

Location Type (*check one or more*):
- [ ] Backyard
- [ ] Beach
- [ ] Business
- [ ] Freeway
- [ ] Industrial
- [x] Park
- [ ] Parking Lot
- [ ] Residence
- [ ] Rural
- [ ] School
- [ ] Street
- Other:

Lighting (*check only one*):
- [ ] Darkness
- [x] Daylight
- [ ] Other
- [ ] Street Lights

Weather (*circle only one*):
- [x] Clear
- [ ] Cloudy
- [ ] Fog
- [ ] Rain

Distance:

Incident Type (*check one or more*):
- [ ] Accidental
- [x] Armed Person
- [ ] Fleeing Suspect
- [ ] Foot Pursuit
- [ ] Gun Take Away
- [ ] Moving Vehicle
- [ ] Sniper/Ambush
- [ ] Startle
- [ ] Struggle Involved
- [ ] Traffic Stop
- [ ] Unarmed Person
- [ ] Unintentional
- [ ] Vehicle Pursuit
- [ ] Warrant Service
- [ ] Warning Shot
- Other:

Initiated by (*check only one*):
- [ ] Arrest Warrant
- [x] Call
- [ ] Observation
- [ ] One Person Unit
- [ ] Other
- [ ] Search Warrant
- [ ] Two Person Unit

Prior Activity (*check only one*):
- [ ] Detective
- [ ] Inmate Transport
- [ ] Other
- [x] Routine Patrol

Aero Unit? [x] Canine Unit? [x]

Total # of Shots Fired by Deputy	Total # of Shots Fired by Suspect
35	5

Employee Witnesses

Employee #	Last Name	First Name	M.I.	ShiftTime (*check only one*)	ShiftType (*check only one*)
[redacted]	Hernandez	Ricardo	NMN	[ ] EM [x] PM [ ] Day	[x] Regular [ ] Overtime [ ] Off Duty
[redacted]	Kaniewski	Steven	NMN	[ ] EM [x] PM [ ] Day	[x] Regular [ ] Overtime [ ] Off Duty
[redacted]	Racz	John	NMN	[ ] EM [x] PM [ ] Day	[x] Regular [ ] Overtime [ ] Off Duty

Non-Employee Witnesses

Last Name	[redacted]			First Name	[redacted]	M.I.	[redacted]
Street Address	[redacted]	City	[redacted]	Zip C[redacted]	Work Ph	Ho[redacted]	
Last Name	[redacted]			First Name	[redacted]	M.I.	[redacted]
Street Address	[redacted]	City	[redacted]	Zip [redacted]	Work Ph	H[redacted]	
Last Name	[redacted]			First Name	[redacted]	M.I.	[redacted]
Street Address	[redacted]	City	[redacted]	Zip [redacted]	Work Ph	H[redacted]	

Supervisors

Employee #	Last Name	First Name	M.I.	(*check one or more*):
[redacted]	Arcos	Joanne		[x] On Duty [ ] Present during shooting [ ] Witness to shooting [ ] Involved in shooting
[redacted]	Sunagawa	Mark		[x] On Duty [ ] Present during shooting [ ] Witness to shooting [ ] Involved in shooting

Watch Sergeant

Employee #	Last Name	First Name	M.I.
[redacted]	Lam	Raymond	NMN

Watch Commander

Employee #	Last Name	First Name	M.I.
[redacted]	Mejia	Richard	NMN

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Involved Employee Information

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Involved Employee

E 1

Employee # [redacted]	Last Name: Garnica		First Name: Joel		M.I.: M.
Sex: M	Race: H	Rank: Deputy	Unit Assignment: East Los Angeles	Work Assignment (Unit #, Module, etc.): 23	
ShiftTime (*circle only one*): ☐ EM ☑ PM ☐ Day	ShiftType (*circle only one*): ☑ Regular ☐ Overtime ☐ Off Duty	Intoxication/Drug Usage? ☐	Substance Used:		
Hospital Admission? ☑	Hospital Name: USC-LCMC	Coroner Case? ☐	Coroner Case #	Interviewed? ☑	
Hrs of sleep prior to shooting: 6-8	Duty Time (hrs): [redacted]	Clothing (*circle only one*): ☐ Plain Clothes no Vest ☐ Plain Clothes w/ Vest ☐ Raid Jacket no Vest ☐ Raid Jacket w/ Vest ☐ Uniform no Vest ☑ Uniform w/ Vest	Other Factors:		
Age: [redacted]	Height: 602	Weight: 280			
Range Qualification Date: [redacted]	PPC Qualification Date: [redacted]	Laser Training Date: [redacted]			
Certified with Weapon Used? [redacted]	Patrol Certification? [redacted]	Certification Unit: [redacted]	Prior Shootings? [redacted]	Number of Prior Shootings: [redacted]	Directed Force: [redacted]
Weapons Fired Brand: Smith & Wesson	Caliber: 9mm	# Shots: 1	Weapons Fired Brand:	Caliber:	# Shots:
Field Training Officer Emp # [redacted]	ast Name [redacted]	First Name [redacted]	M.I. [redacted]		
Field Training Officer Emp # [redacted]	ast Name [redacted]	First Name [redacted]	M.I. [redacted]		

E 2

Employee # [redacted]	Last Name: Carbajal		First Name: Joe		M.I.: R.
Sex: M	Race: H	Rank: Deputy	Unit Assignment: East Los Angeles	Work Assignment (Unit #, Module, etc.): 23B	
ShiftTime (*circle only one*): ☐ EM ☑ PM ☐ Day	ShiftType (*circle only one*): ☑ Regular ☐ Overtime ☐ Off Duty	Intoxication/Drug Usage? ☐	Substance Used:		
Hospital Admission? ☒	Hospital Name: USC-LCMC	Coroner Case? ☐	Coroner Case #	Interviewed? ☑	
Hrs of sleep prior to shooting: 7	Duty Time (hrs): [redacted]	Clothing (*circle only one*): ☐ Plain Clothes no Vest ☐ Plain Clothes w/ Vest ☐ Raid Jacket no Vest ☐ Raid Jacket w/ Vest ☐ Uniform no Vest ☑ Uniform w/ Vest	Other Factors:		
Age: [redacted]	Height: 508	Weight: 180			
Range Qualification Date: [redacted]	PPC Qualification Date: [redacted]	Laser Training Date: [redacted]			
Certified with Weapon Used? [redacted]	Patrol Certification? [redacted]	Certification Unit: [redacted]	Prior Shootings? [redacted]	Number of Prior Shootings: [redacted]	Directed Force: [redacted]
Weapons Fired Brand: Beretta	Caliber: 9mm	# Shots: 12	Weapons Fired Brand:	Caliber:	# Shots:
Field Training Officer Emp # [redacted]	ast Name [redacted]	First Name [redacted]	M.I. [redacted]		
Field Training Officer Emp # [redacted]	ast Name [redacted]	First Name [redacted]	M.I. [redacted]		

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Employee # [redacted]	Last Name: Valle		First Name: Luis		M.I.: A.
Sex: M	Race: H	Rank: Deputy	Unit Assignment: East Los Angeles	Work Assignment (Unit #, Module, etc.): 23B	
ShiftTime (*circle only one*): ☐ EM ☑ PM ☐ Day	ShiftType (*circle only one*): ☑ Regular ☐ Overtime ☐ Off Duty	Intoxication/Drug Usage? ☐	Substance Used:		
Hospital Admission? ☐	Hospital Name:	Coroner Case? ☐	Coroner Case #	Interviewed? ☑	
Hrs of sleep prior to shooting: 8	Duty Time (hrs): [redacted]	Clothing (*circle only one*): ☐ Plain Clothes no Vest ☐ Plain Clothes w/ Vest ☐ Raid Jacket no Vest ☐ Raid Jacket w/ Vest ☐ Uniform no Vest ☑ Uniform w/ Vest	Other Factors:		
Age: [redacted]	Height: 505	Weight: 150			
Range Qualification Date: [redacted]	PPC Qualification Date: [redacted]	Laser Training Date: [redacted]			
Certified with Weapon Used? [redacted]	Patrol Certification? [redacted]	Certification Unit: [redacted]	Prior Shootings? [redacted]	Number of Prior Shootings: [redacted]	Directed Force: [redacted]
Weapons Fired Brand: Smith & Wesson	Caliber: 9mm	# Shots: 7	Weapons Fired Brand:	Caliber:	# Shots:
Field Training Officer Emp # [redacted]	ast Name [redacted]	First Name [redacted]	M.I. [redacted]		
Field Training Officer Emp # [redacted]	ast Name [redacted]	First Name [redacted]	M.I. [redacted]		

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Involved Employee

E 4

Employee # [redacted] | Last Name: Trejo | First Name: Sergio | M.I. NMN

Sex: M | Race: H | Rank: Deputy | Unit Assignment: East Los Angeles | Work Assignment (Unit #, Module, etc.): 20H2

ShiftTime (*circle only one*): [ ] EM [x] PM [ ] Day | ShiftType (*circle only one*): [x] Regular [ ] Overtime [ ] Off Duty | Intoxication/Drug Usage? [ ] | Substance Used:

Hospital Admission? [ ] | Hospital Name: | Coroner Case? [ ] | Coroner Case #: | Interviewed? [x]

Hrs of sleep prior to shooting: Unknown | Duty [redacted] | Clothing (*circle only one*): [ ] Plain Clothes no Vest [ ] Raid Jacket w/ Vest [ ] Plain Clothes w/ Vest [ ] Uniform no Vest [ ] Raid Jacket no Vest [x] Uniform w/ Vest | Other Factors:

Age: [redacted] | Height: 210 | Weight: 205

Range Qualification Date: [redacted] | PPC Qualification Date: [redacted] | Laser Training Date: [redacted]

Certified with Weapon Used? [redacted] | Patrol Certification? [redacted] | Certification Unit: [redacted] | Prior Shootings? [redacted] | Number of Prior Shootings: [redacted] | Directed Force: [redacted]

Weapons Fired Brand: Beretta | Caliber: 9mm | # Shots: 15 | Weapons Fired Brand: | Caliber: | # Shots:

Field Training Officer Emp # [redacted] ast Name [redacted] | First Name [redacted] | M.I. [redacted]

Field Training Officer Emp # [redacted] ast Name [redacted] | First Name [redacted] | M.I. [redacted]

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Employee # | Last Name | First Name | M.I.

Sex: | Race: | Rank: | Unit Assignment: | Work Assignment (Unit #, Module, etc.):

ShiftTime (*circle only one*): [ ] EM [ ] PM [ ] Day | ShiftType (*circle only one*): [ ] Regular [ ] Overtime [ ] Off Duty | Intoxication/Drug Usage? [ ] | Substance Used:

Hospital Admission? [ ] | Hospital Name: | Coroner Case? [ ] | Coroner Case # | Interviewed? [ ]

Hrs of sleep prior to shooting: | Duty Time (hrs): | Clothing (*circle only one*): [ ] Plain Clothes no Vest [ ] Raid Jacket w/ Vest [ ] Plain Clothes w/ Vest [ ] Uniform no Vest [ ] Raid Jacket no Vest [ ] Uniform w/ Vest | Other Factors:

Age: | Height: | Weight:

Range Qualification Date: | PPC Qualification Date: | Laser Training Date:

Certified with Weapon Used? [ ] | Patrol Certification? [ ] | Certification Unit: | Prior Shootings? [ ] | Number of Prior Shootings: | Directed Force: [ ]

Weapons Fired Brand: | Caliber | # Shots | Weapons Fired Brand: | Caliber | # Shots

Field Training Officer Emp # | Last Name | First Name | M.I.

Field Training Officer Emp # | Last Name | First Name | M.I.

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Employee # | Last Name | First Name | M.I.

Sex: | Race: | Rank: | Unit Assignment: | Work Assignment (Unit #, Module, etc.):

ShiftTime (*circle only one*): [ ] EM [ ] PM [ ] Day | ShiftType (*circle only one*): [ ] Regular [ ] Overtime [ ] Off Duty | Intoxication/Drug Usage? [ ] | Substance Used:

Hospital Admission? [ ] | Hospital Name: | Coroner Case? [ ] | Coroner Case # | Interviewed? [ ]

Hrs of sleep prior to shooting: | Duty Time (hrs): | Clothing (*circle only one*): [ ] Plain Clothes no Vest [ ] Raid Jacket w/ Vest [ ] Plain Clothes w/ Vest [ ] Uniform no Vest [ ] Raid Jacket no Vest [ ] Uniform w/ Vest | Other Factors:

Age: | Height: | Weight:

Range Qualification Date: | PPC Qualification Date: | Laser Training Date:

Certified with Weapon Used? [ ] | Patrol Certification? [ ] | Certification Unit: | Prior Shootings? [ ] | Number of Prior Shootings: | Directed Force: [ ]

Weapons Fired Brand: | Caliber | # Shots | Weapons Fired Brand: | Caliber | # Shots

Field Training Officer Emp # | Last Name | First Name | M.I.

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Suspect Information

Suspect Information

S 1

Last Name: Herrera		First Name: Rene	M.I.:
AKA Last Name: Shorty		First Name:	M.I.:
Sex: M Race: H	Street Addre[redacted]	City [redacted]	State & Zip Code: [redacted]
Work Phone:	Home Phone:	Social Security #:	Driver's Licens[redacted]
Age: 39 D.O.B. 11/27/78	Height: 5' 07" Weight: 210	FBI # [redacted]	CII # [redacted]
Booking #	Primary Charge: 245(a)(2) P.C.	Secondary Charge: 664/187(A) P.C.	
Coroner Case? ☑	Coroner Case # 2018-07271	Intoxication/Drug Usage? ☑	Substance Used: Cannabinoids/Amphetamines
Armed? ☑	Apprehended? ☑	Mental Illness? ☐	Criminal History? [redacted]
Vehicle Make: BMW		Model: 530	Year: 2006

S 2

Last Name: Cruz		First Name: Fernando	M.I.:
AKA Last Name:		First Name:	M.I.:
Sex: M Race: H	Street Addre[redacted]	City [redacted]	State & Zip Code: [redacted]
Work Phone:	Home Phone:	Social Security #:	Driver's Licen[redacted]
Age: 18 D.O.B. 01/12/00	Height: 510 Weight: 160	FBI # [redacted]	CII # [redacted]
Booking # 5427131	Primary Charge: 664/187(A) PC	Secondary Charge:	
Coroner Case? ☑	Coroner Case # 2018-07348	Intoxication/Drug Usage? ☑	Substance Used: Marijuana/Amphetamine
Armed? ☐	Apprehended? ☑	Mental Illness? ☐	Criminal History? [redacted]
Vehicle Make: BMW		Model: 530	Year: 2006

S 3

Last Name: Martinez		First Name: Hector	M.I. M.
AKA Last Name:		First Name:	M.I.:
Sex: M Race: H	Street Addre[redacted]	City [redacted]	State & Zip Code: [redacted]
Work Phone:	Ho[redacted]	Social Security #:	Driver's Licens[redacted]
Age: 18 D.O.B. 04/08/00	Height: 508 Weight: 220	FBI # [redacted]	CII # [redacted]
Booking # 5427131	Primary Charge: None	Secondary Charge:	
Coroner Case? ☑	Coroner Case #	Intoxication/Drug Usage? ☑	Substance Used: Marijuana/Cocaine
Armed? ☐	Apprehended? ☑	Mental Illness? ☐	Criminal History? [redacted]
Vehicle Make: BMW		Model: 530	Year: 2006

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Last Name:		First Name:	M.I.:
AKA Last Name:		First Name:	M.I.:
Sex: Race:	Street Address:	City	State & Zip Code:
Work Phone:	Home Phone:	Social Security #:	Driver's License #:
Age: D.O.B.	Height: Weight:	FBI #	CII #
Booking #	Primary Charge:	Secondary Charge:	
Coroner Case? ☐	Coroner Case #	Intoxication/Drug Usage? ☐	Substance Used:
Armed? ☐	Apprehended? ☐	Mental Illness? ☐	Criminal History? ☐
Vehicle Make:		Model:	Year:

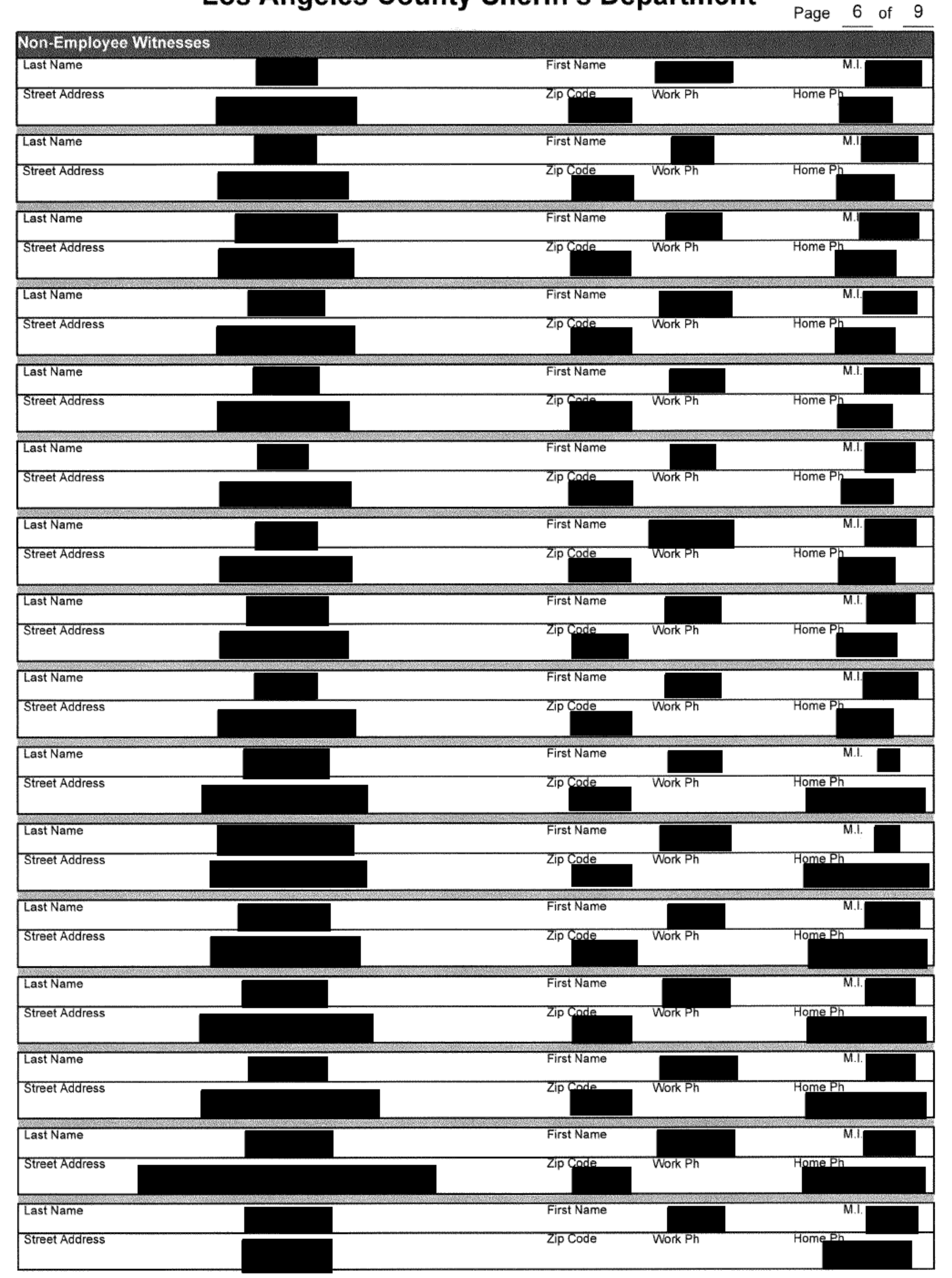
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SUPPLEMENTAL NON-EMPLOYEE WITNESSES
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Non-Employee Witnesses

Last Name	First Name	M.I.	Street Address	Zip Code	Work Ph	Home Ph
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Non-Employee Witnesses

Last Name [redacted]	First Name [redacted]		M.I. [redacted]	
Street Address [redacted]	Zip Code [redacted]	Work Ph	Home Ph [redacted]	
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Non-Employee Witnesses

Last Name	First Name	M.I.	Street Address	Zip Code	Work Ph	Home Ph
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Last Name	First Name	M.I.	Street Address	Zip Code	Work Ph	Home Ph
Leon	Miguel	NMN	Los Angeles County Sheriff's Deputy #[redacted]		323-264-4151	
Cruz	Mario	NMN	Los Angeles County Sheriff's Deputy #[redacted]		323-246-4151	
Hernandez	Luis	NMN	Los Angeles County Sheriff's Deputy #[redacted]		323-246-4151	
Kim	Woodrow	NMN	Los Angeles County Sheriff's Deputy #[redacted]		323-246-4151	
Miramontes	Johathon	MNM	Los Angeles County Sheriff's Deputy #[redacted]		323-246-4151	
Ramirez	Mary	A.	Los Angeles County Sheriff's LET #[redacted]		323-526-5691	
Abellano	Aaron	NMN	Los Angeles County Sheriff's Deputy #[redacted]		323-246-4151	

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Rollout Information

Arrival Date	Arrival Time	Date Submitted	Date of Recommendation
09/19/18	2030	06/29/2020	

Employee #	Last Name	First Name	M.I.
[redacted]	Veatch	Amber	N
[redacted]	Ferreras	Ernest	
[redacted]	Carter	Quitman	V.

Shooting / Force Information

Method

(AW) Arwen
(BC) Baton:(Control)
(BI) Baton:(Impact)
(BF) Bodily Fluids
(CN) Canine
(CR) Carotid Restraint
(CH) Choke Hold
(CT) Control Holds:(Control Techniques)
(TT) Control Holds:(Team Takedown)
(TD) Control Holds:(Takedown)
(CE) Chemical
(OC) Chemical Agents (OC Spray)
(TG) Chemical Agents (Tear Gas)
(EX) Explosives
(FH) Firearm (Handgun)
(FR) Firearm (Rifle)
(FS) Firearm (Shotgun)
(FO) Firearm (Other)
(FB) Flashbang
(FL) Flashlight
(OE) Other Weapon: Edged
(OV) Other Weapon: Vehicle
(OB) Other Weapon: Blunt Object
(OO) Other Weapon: Other
(PK) Personal Weapon: Feet/Leg: (Kick)
(PS) Personal Weapon: Feet/Leg: (Sweep)
(PH) Personal Weapon (Hand/Arm)
(PP) Personal Weapon (Push)
(PO) Personal Weapon (Other)
(RS) Resistance
(CN) Restraint Device (Capture Net)
(RH) Restraint Device (Handcuffs)
(HB) Restraint Device:Hobble (Legs Only)
(TP) Restraint Device:Hobble (TARP)
(RE) Restraint Device: REACT Belt
(SP) Sap
(SH) Shield
(SG) 37mm Stinger
(SB) Sting Ball
(ST) Stun Bag
(TR) Taser
(UC) Uncooperative

Type of Injury

(AB) Abrasion
(BR) Bruise
(BU) Burn
(CP) Complaint of Pain
(CO) Concussion
(DH) Death
(DI) Dislocation
(DB) Dog Bite
(FR) Fractures
(GS) Gunshot
(HB) Human Bite
(LC) Lacerations
(ND) Nerve Damage
(OD) Organ Damage
(PA) Paralysis
(PW) Puncture Wound
(SD) Soft Tissue Damage
(ST) Sprain/Twists
(UN) Unconscious
(RM) Refused Med Treatment
(NN) NONE

Body Part Injured

(AD) Abdomen
(AK) Ankle
(AR) Arm
(BK) Back
(BT) Buttocks
(CH) Chest
(EL) Elbow
(FA) Face
(FE) Feet
(FI) Fingers
(GE) Genitals
(GR) Groin
(HD) Hand
(HE) Head
(HI) Hip
(IN) Internal
(KN) Knees
(LE) Leg
(NK) Neck
(SH) Shoulder
(WR) Wrist

Brand

(AK) AK-47
(BN) Benelli
(BR) Beretta
(BW) Browning
(CH) Charter Arms
(CO) Colt
(DA) Davis Industries
(GL) Glock
(HA) Harrington & Richardson
(HI) Hi Standard
(HK) H & K
(IT) Ithica
(IV) Iver Johnson
(JE) Jennings
(LO) Lorcin
(LU) Luger
(MA) Marlin
(MO) Mossberg
(NC) NCI aka SKS
(NA) North American
(NO) Norinco
(RA) Raven
(RM) Remington
(RG) RG
(RI) RGI
(RO) Rossi
(SW) Smith & Wesson
(SR) Sturm Ruger
(SS) SIG Sauer
(ST) Sterling
(TA) Taurus
(WE) Weatherby
(WN) Winchester
(US) US Government
(YY) Handmade (Inmate)
(XX) Homemade (Non-Inmate)
(ZZ) Other Brand

Caliber

(9) 9 mm
(10) 10 mm
(12) 12 guage
(20) 20 guage
(21) .22-250
(22) .22 caliber
(23) .223 caliber
(24) .243 caliber
(25) .25 caliber
(30) .308 caliber
(35) .357 caliber
(36) 30-60 caliber
(38) .38 caliber
(40) .40 caliber
(41) .410 guage
(44) .44 caliber
(45) .45 caliber
(50) 50 mm
(SL) Slug
(WW) Other caliber

FORCE APPLIED *(one code per block)*

Used By (E# or S#)	Used Against (E# or S#)	Method (Code)	Brand (Code)	Caliber (Code)	Authorized Weapon? (Y/N)	Authorized Ammunition? (Y/N)	Type of Injury (Code)	Body Part (Code)
S#1	E#1	FH		38			GS	FA
S#1	E#2	FH		38			GS	SH
E#1	S#1	FH	SW	9	Y	Y	GS	
E#2	S#1	FH	BR	9	Y	Y	GS	
E#3	S#1	FH	SW	9	Y	Y	GS	
E#4	S#2	FH	BR	9	Y	Y	GS	

COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES
SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT

INVESTIGATIVE SUMMARY

INCIDENT:	**On-duty Hit Shooting, Suspects Deceased**
IAB FILE NUMBERS:	**SH 2464820**
URN#:	**018-13818-0278-013**
DATE/TIME:	**September 18, 2018, 1803 Hours**
LOCATION:	**3864 Whittier Boulevard, East Los Angeles**

SUMMARY

On September 18, 2018, an Internal Affairs Bureau (IAB) team comprised of Lieutenant Vince Carter, #[redacted] Sergeant Ernest Ferreras, #[redacted] and Sergeant Amber Veatch, #[redacted] responded to 3864 Whittier Boulevard, an unincorporated area of East Los Angeles (Salazar Park) regarding an on-duty, deputy involved, hit shooting. The shooting resulted in the deaths of Suspects Rene Herrera (Suspect Herrera) and Fernando Cruz (Suspect Cruz). IAB Lieutenant Carter advised that the East Los Angeles Station on-duty watch commander took reasonable steps to ensure the involved employees and witness personnel did not discuss the incident amongst themselves or with uninvolved persons prior to being interviewed by the assigned investigators.

Investigators John Duncan, #[redacted] and Joseph Valencia, #[redacted] from the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department (LASD) Homicide Bureau assumed control of the shooting investigation. For further information regarding the investigation conducted by Homicide Bureau, refer to the Homicide casebooks Volumes I and II under file number 018-13818-0278-013 **[EXHIBT A, VOLUME I and II]**.

SYNOPSIS

On September 19, 2018, Deputy Garnica was working East Los Angeles Station (ELA), as Unit 23, P.M. shift. Deputy Garnica was accompanied by Mary Ramirez, Law Enforcement Technician (LET), who was seated in the front passenger seat. Witness Ramirez was assigned to ELA desk operations and was scheduled to work her shift as a "ride-along" with Deputy Garnica.

> **IAB Note: It is encouraged for station desk personnel to work their Shift as a "ride-along" with patrol deputies. The purpose of this procedure is to allow desk personnel to experience**

how deputies work in the field which help desk personnel relate to the deputies' field work concerns.

At approximately 1817 hours an assault with a deadly weapon call for service was dispatched **[EXHIBT A, VOLUME I, pages 29 and 30 copy of East Los Angeles incident history report, ELA18262-0357, and EXHIBIT G, PDF of tag #357]**. The details in the call stated that a Hispanic male in a black BMW (Suspect's vehicle) with a front license plate of [redacted] pointed a gun at two people and asked them, "Where you from?"

The suspect's vehicle sped away from the area. Deputies attempted to locate the suspect's vehicle. Approximately six minutes later, Deputy Garnica located the suspect's vehicle on Princeton Street at Eastman Avenue facing west at a four-way stop. Deputy Garnica identified the suspect's vehicle from the front license plate, [redacted] The suspect's vehicle traveled north on Eastman Avenue, then east onto 6th Street. Deputy Garnica maintained a visual of the suspect's vehicle and used his patrol vehicle's radio to access Sheriff's Communication Center (SCC) to conduct a pre-stop coordination (code-9) on the suspect's vehicle. He requested additional units, a sergeant, and LASD Air 21, which was already flying above **(Deputy Garnica's transcripts, page 7)**. Air 21 subsequently took over the pre-stop coordination.

IAB Note: Pre-stop coordination and Code-9 is a LASD policy under MPP 5-09/205.00. A copy of MPP 5-09/205.00 was submitted in the case under Miscellaneous Documents.

The suspect's vehicle proceeded south on Record Avenue, then west on Whittier Boulevard, where a second LASD patrol unit (Unit 23B, Deputies Carbajal and Valle) joined the pre-stop coordination. The suspect's vehicle continued south on Townsend Avenue from Whittier Boulevard, west on Verona Street, then north on Ditman Avenue, and entered the parking lot of Salazar Park. The suspect's vehicle drove up and over a raised curb and entered the parks baseball field. Deputies Garnica and Carbajal followed the suspect's vehicle into the park. The suspect's vehicle drove southwest toward a pedestrian access way, which led to Hicks Avenue.

IAB Note: Salazar Park and the immediate surrounding area that intersects with Hicks Avenue is well-known to ELA deputy personnel where the criminal street gang "Laguna Park Vikings" flee when encountered by law enforcement. As evident in photographs of "Laguna Park Vikings" gang graffiti [EXHIBIT B].

The suspect's vehicle came to an abrupt stop. Simultaneously, Deputy Garnica stopped his vehicle behind the suspect's vehicle, and Deputy Carbajal attempted to stop his patrol vehicle adjacent to Deputy Garnica's patrol vehicle. Deputy Carbajal applied the brakes on his patrol vehicle, but it slid on the loose dirt and laid to rest within a few feet from the suspect's vehicle. Suspect Martinez exited the front passenger side and

ran west through the park. Suspect Martinez was subsequently detained by ELA deputy personnel **[EXHIBT A, VOLUME I, pages 27-30 County of Los Angeles Sheriff's Department-Supplemental Report]**. Simultaneously, Suspect Herrera exited the driver's side door, and immediately fired three times from his .38 caliber revolver at Deputy Garnica and LET Ramirez **[EXHIBIT C, photograph of Deputy Garnica's patrol vehicle]**. Two shots passed through the windshield and the third shot passed through the driver's side door. Deputy Garnica was shot by one bullet on his chin as he exited his patrol vehicle. After being shot, Deputy Garnica fell to the ground outside his patrol vehicle. Deputy Garnica got up from the ground and fired once at Suspect Herrera. Deputy Garnica tactically retreated to the back of his patrol vehicle for cover. Immediately after hearing the gunshots, LET Ramirez ducked down in her seat and her arm was struck by shrapnel. She remained ducked down in her seat until the shooting stopped. Aero 21 advised SCC a 998 had occurred **[EXHIBIT D, SCC radio broadcast]**.

IAB Note: "998" is a Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department radio code for a deputy involved shooting (DIS).

Deputy Carbajal attempted to exit his patrol vehicle when he was shot on his chest by Suspect Herrera **[EXHIBIT E, photograph of Deputy Carbajal's patrol vehicle]**. After being shot, Deputy Carbajal exited his patrol vehicle and returned fire, shooting twelve rounds at Suspect Herrera. Deputy Carbajal ran and took cover behind Deputy Garnica's patrol vehicle. Simultaneously, Deputy Valle exited the passenger side of the patrol vehicle and heard gunshots. He heard Deputy Carbajal say he was shot. Deputy Valle took cover behind the engine block of his patrol vehicle. He saw Suspect Herrera pointing his gun at him. Believing Suspect Herrera was going to shoot him, Deputy Valle fired seven rounds at Suspect Herrera. After Deputy Valle shot at Suspect Herrera, Suspect Herrera went down behind the suspect's vehicle. Deputy Valle stopped shooting when he could no longer see Suspect Herrera. Deputy Valle walked to the rear of Deputy Garnica's patrol vehicle and saw Deputies Garnica and Carbajal bleeding. Deputy Valle used his handheld radio and requested emergency medical services for Deputies Garnica and Carbajal.

Deputies Aaron Abellano, #[redacted] and Silvano Garcia, #[redacted] ELA Unit 24, arrived, and saw Deputies Garnica and Carbajal bleeding. Deputy Abellano told Deputies Garnica and Carbajal to get into his patrol vehicle. As they entered the patrol vehicle, Deputy Abellano heard additional gun fire, but was uncertain who was shooting. Deputy Abellano subsequently transported Deputies Garnica and Carbajal to Los Angeles County USC Medical Center in his patrol vehicle **[EXHIBIT A, VOLUME I, pages 149 through 150]**. Deputy Valle walked around to the rear driver's side of Deputy Garnica's patrol vehicle and located Suspect Herrera. Suspect Herrera was lying on the ground near the suspect's vehicle.

Deputies Trejo and Miguel Leon, arrived shortly after the first shots were fired. They stopped between Deputies Garnica's and Carbajal's patrol vehicle. Deputy Trejo saw Deputy Carbajal as he walked toward their patrol vehicle bleeding from his neck.

Deputy Trejo exited his patrol vehicle and took cover behind Deputy Carbaja's patrol vehicle's engine block. He saw a male Hispanic (Suspect Cruz) with a bald head in the back seat of the suspect's vehicle. Suspect Cruz made eye contact with Deputy Trejo. Suspect Cruz raised his right hand and pointed a shiny silver gun directly at Deputy Trejo. Deputy Trejo believed Suspect Cruz was going to shoot him, so he shot at Suspect Cruz approximately eight times **(Deputy Trejo's transcripts, page 15 and 18)**. Deputy Trejo stopped shooting because he no longer saw Suspect Cruz' right hand or the weapon.

At this time, Deputy Valle stood behind Deputy Garnica's patrol vehicle's driver's door to take cover. Deputy Valle held his position until assisting units arrived. He did not see Suspect Herrera move and did not know if there were additional suspects inside the suspect's vehicle.

After additional units arrived, they formed a tactical plan to clear the suspect's vehicle. Deputies Waites, Rosario, Kang, and Valle cleared the suspect's vehicle. Deputy Kang removed Suspect Cruz out of the suspect's vehicle and administered CPR **[EXHIBT A, VOLUME I, Deputy Kang's County of Los Angeles Sheriff's Department-Supplemental Report, page 22]**. Deputies Waites and Rosario moved Suspect Herrera away from the suspect's vehicle to administered CPR **[EXHIBT A, VOLUME I, Deputies Waites and Rosario's County of Los Angeles Sheriff's Department-Supplemental Report, page 35 and 37]**. Deputy personnel requested Emergency Medical Services for both suspects.

DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S LETTER OF OPINION

The Justice System Integrity Division of the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office reviewed the fatal shooting of Suspects Rene Herrera and Fernando Cruz. In their letter of opinion, dated December 11, 2019, Deputy District Attorney Shannon Presby concluded Deputies Joel Garnica, Joe Carbajal, Luis Valle, and Sergio Trejo acted lawfully in self-defense and in defense of others **[EXHIBIT F]**.

INVOLVED EMPLOYEE

Joel Garnica, Deputy Sheriff, #[redacted]
Central Patrol Division
East Los Angeles Station

WORK HISTORY

Date of Employment:	December 2014
Date Assigned to Patrol/ELA Station:	November 2017
Date Completed Patrol Training:	[redacted]
Prior Shooting incident(s):	[redacted]
Prior Founded Force Incidents:	[redacted]

Equipment Worn On Person

On September 19, 2018, Deputy Garnica's Class "A" uniform, Sam Browne duty belt, along with all his equipment were collected by Homicide Bureau investigators as evidence at Los Angeles County USC Medical Center **[EXHIBT A, VOLUME I, pages 147 and 148]**.

Joe Carbajal, Deputy Sheriff, #[redacted]
Central Patrol Division
East Los Angeles Station

WORK HISTORY



Date of Employment:	August 2006
Date Assigned to Patrol/ELA Station:	November 2014
Date Completed Patrol Training:	[redacted]
Prior Shooting incident(s):	[redacted]
Prior Founded Force Incidents:	[redacted]

Equipment Worn On Person

On September 19, 2018, Deputy Carbajal's Class "A" uniform, Sam Browne duty belt, along with all his equipment were collected by Homicide Bureau investigators as evidence at Los Angeles County USC Medical Center **[EXHIBT A, VOLUME I, pages 147 and 148]**.

Luis Valle, Deputy Sheriff, #[redacted]
Central Patrol Division
East Los Angeles Station

WORK HISTORY



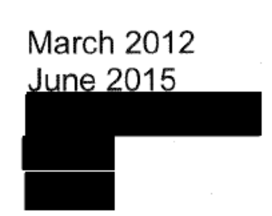
Date of Employment:	September 2012
Date Assigned to Patrol/ELA Station:	February 2016
Date Completed Patrol Training:	[redacted]
Prior Shooting incident(s):	[redacted]
Prior Founded Force Incidents:	[redacted]

Equipment Worn On Person

On September 19, 2018, Deputy Valle was wearing a long sleeve Class "A" uniform, bullet resistant vest, including a Sam Browne duty belt. The equipment on his duty belt included: two fully loaded Department issued magazines, handheld radio, expandable baton, handcuffs, Smith & Wesson, model M&P, 9mm, serial number [redacted] semiautomatic pistol, keys, and Oleoresin spray (OC).

Sergio Trejo, Deputy Sheriff, #[redacted]
Central Patrol Division
East Los Angeles Station

WORK HISTORY



Date of Employment: March 2012
Date Assigned to Patrol/ELA Station: June 2015
Date Completed Patrol Training: [redacted]
Prior Shooting incident(s): [redacted]
Prior Founded Force Incidents: [redacted]

Equipment Worn On Person

On September 19, 2018, Deputy Valle was wearing a long sleeve Class "A" uniform, a bullet resistant vest, including a Sam Browne duty belt. The equipment on his duty belt included: two fully loaded Department issued magazines, handheld radio, expandable baton, handcuffs, Beretta, 92FS, 9mm, serial number BER[redacted] semiautomatic pistol, keys, and Oleoresin spray (OC).

SUSPECTS INFORMATION (DECEASED)

Rene Herrera
Male, Hispanic, DOB: November 27, 1978, 5'07" 210 pounds, [redacted] CII #[redacted] MAIN #[redacted] FBI #[redacted]

The Consolidated Criminal History Reporting System (CCHRS) revealed Suspect Herrera had [redacted] Suspect Herrera's Consolidated Criminal History Report is included in the Homicide Bureau casebook **[EXHIBT A, VOLUME I, pages 245-286 and EXHIBIT G, Rene Herrera]**.

Fernando Cruz
Male, Hispanic, DOB: January 12, 2000, 5'09" 150 pounds, [redacted] CII #[redacted] MAIN #[redacted] FBI #[redacted]

The Consolidated Criminal History Reporting System (CCHRS) revealed Suspect Cruz had [redacted] Suspect Cruz's Consolidated Criminal History Report is included in the Homicide Bureau casebook **[EXHIBT A, VOLUME I, pages 292-313 and EXHIBIT G, Fernando Cruz]**.

SUSPECT'S AUTOPSY

On September 25, 2018, a post-mortem examination was conducted on the remains of Suspect Herrera by Doctor Martina Kennedy, Los Angeles County Coroner's Office. It was determined Suspect Herrera's death was caused by a gunshot wound to his skull **[EXHIBT A, VOLUME I, pages 383-399 and EXHIBIT G, autopsy photographs]**. A

Laboratory Analysis Summary Report was completed **[EXHIBT A, VOLUME I, pages 400 and 401 and EXHIBIT G, crime lab reports]**. Suspect Herrera's blood tested positive for cannabinoids and methamphetamine.

On September 27, 2018, a post-mortem examination was conducted on the remains of Suspect Cruz by Doctor Joseph Vallone, Los Angeles County Coroner's Office. It was determined Suspect Cruz's death was caused by multiple gunshot wounds **[EXHIBT A, VOLUME I, pages 357-374 and autopsy photographs]**. A Laboratory Analysis Summary Report was completed **[EXHIBT A, VOLUME I, pages 332, 333, 341 and 342 and EXHIBIT G, crime lab reports]**. Suspect Cruz's blood tested positive for cannabinoids and methamphetamine.

DEPARTMENT PERSONNEL INJURIES

Deputy Garnica sustained a gunshot wound to his jaw. Deputy Carbajal sustained a gunshot wound to his right shoulder. LET Ramirez had a bruise to her left shoulder from shrapnel.

PHYSICAL EVIDENCE

All physical evidence was located and collected by Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department Homicide Bureau personnel and Scientific Services Bureau personnel. For a description of the evidence collected, and where it was collected from, see the Homicide Bureau casebook **[EXHIBT A, VOLUME I, pages 154-178, 189-196, 334-340 and 343]**.

INVESTIGATOR'S OBSERVATIONS

IAB investigators were notified at approximately 1900 hours and arrived on scene at approximately 2030 hours. The scene is described in detail by Homicide Investigators John Carlin, #[redacted] and Ralph Hernandez, #[redacted] **[EXHIBT A, VOLUME I, pages 154-178, 189-196, 334-340 and 343]**. Their description of the scene was consistent with IAB Investigators' observations. The scene was also photographed by Forensic Identification **[EXHIBIT G, memory stick containing scene photographs]**.

WEAPON USED BY DEPUTY GARNICA

Deputy Garnica fired one round of Department issued 9mm ammunition from his Department issued Smith & Wesson M&P, semiautomatic pistol. The firearm was examined by Senior Criminalist A. Wu, #[redacted] and Deputy I. Chavez, #[redacted] of the Scientific Services Firearms Identification Section and found to be functional **[EXHIBT A, VOLUME I, pages 73, 74, and 329-331 and EXHIBIT G, crime lab reports]**.

Date last qualified: [redacted]
Date last trained with weapon: [redacted]

WEAPON USED BY DEPUTY CARBAJAL

Deputy Carbajal fired twelve rounds of Department issued 9mm ammunition from his Department issued Beretta 92FS, semiautomatic pistol. The firearm was examined by Senior Criminalist M. Munoz, #[redacted] and M. Iezza, #[redacted] of the Scientific Services Firearms Identification Section and found to be functional **[EXHIBT A, VOLUME I, pages 73, 74, and 329-331 and EXHIBIT G, crime lab reports]**.

Date last qualified: [redacted]
Date last trained with weapon: [redacted]

WEAPON USED BY DEPUTY VALLE

Deputy Valle fired seven rounds of Department issued 9mm ammunition from his Department issued Smith & Wesson M&P, semiautomatic pistol. The firearm was examined by Senior Criminalist A. Wu, #[redacted] and Deputy I. Chavez, #[redacted] of the Scientific Services Firearms Identification Section and found to be functional **[EXHIBT A, VOLUME I, pages 73, 74, and 329-331 and EXHIBIT G, crime lab reports]**.

Date last qualified: [redacted]
Date last trained with weapon: [redacted]

WEAPON USED BY DEPUTY TREJO

Deputy Trejo fired fifteen rounds of Department issued 9mm ammunition from her Department issued Beretta 92FS, semiautomatic pistol. The firearm was examined by Senior Criminalist M. Munoz, #[redacted] and M. Iezza, #[redacted] of the Scientific Services Firearms Identification Section and found to be functional **[EXHIBT A, VOLUME I, pages 73, 74, and 329-331 and EXHIBIT G, crime lab reports]**.

Date last qualified: [redacted]
Date last trained with weapon: [redacted]

WEAPONS USED BY SUSPECT HERRERA

Suspect Herrera fired 6 rounds from a Colt model number SF-VI, serial number [redacted] .38 caliber, Revolver. The firearm was examined by Senior Criminalist A. Wu, #[redacted] of the Scientific Services Firearms Identification Section and found to be functional **[EXHIBT A, VOLUME I, page 347-349 and EXHIBIT G, crime lab reports]**.

PROPERTY DAMAGE

Property damage was documented in the Homicide case book **[EXHIBT A, VOLUME I, pages 162-167]**.

CRIMINAL INVESTIGATORS AND CHARGES FILED

The criminal investigation into the shooting was handled by Investigators Duncan and Valencia of the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department Homicide Bureau. No charges were filed as the result of this incident.

LIGHTING AND WEATHER CONDITIONS

The incident occurred during hours of daylight. The weather was clear and cool.

SURVEILLANCE VIDEO FOOTAGE

The incident was captured on video by surveillance cameras located at [redacted] South Alma Avenue, Los Angeles; [redacted] South Ditman Avenue, Los Angeles; and Salazar Park **[EXHIBT A, VOLUME I, pages 101-105, and EXHIBIT G, surveillance video]**. Deputy Diana Fazzini, #[redacted] authored a County of Los Angeles Sheriff's Department-Supplemental Report where she interviewed witnesses who captured portions of the incident on their cell phone video **[EXHIBT A, VOLUME I, pages 64, 65, and EXHIBIT G, cell phone video]**. Surveillance video was also obtained of the initial assault with a deadly weapon committed at [redacted] South Bonnie Beach Place, Los Angeles **[EXHIBT A, VOLUME I, pages 101-105, and EXHIBIT G, surveillance video]**.

WITNESS STATEMENTS

Homicide investigators and deputy personnel contacted numerous civilians and Department personnel. Some of the witnesses contacted provided germane information, but the information was not consequential to the shooting. The nature of these contacts are summarized in the Homicide casebook **EXHBIT A, Volume I and EXHIBIT G, interviews**.

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Deputy Ricardo Hernandez, #[redacted]	70 and 71
Deputy Steven Kaniewski, #[redacted]	74 and 75
Deputy John Racz	75 and 76
Deputy Miguel Leon, #[redacted]	109 and 110
Deputy Mario Cruz, #[redacted]	126 and 127
Deputy Luis Hernandez, #[redacted]	127 and 128
Deputy Woodrow Kim, #[redacted]	136 through 138
Deputy Jonathan Miramontes, #[redacted]	138 through 140

The following narratives are intended only as a synopsis of the interviews. Additional information and precise wording may be obtained by reviewing the digitally audio recorded interviews and verbatim transcriptions. IAB investigators reviewed reports authored by the involved deputies.

INVOLVED EMPLOYEE DEPUTY JOEL GARNICA

Homicide Interview

On October 9, 2018, Deputy Garnica was interviewed by Homicide Investigators Duncan and Valencia. The interview was transcribed and can be found in the Homicide casebook **[EXHIBT A, VOLUME II, pages 155-188]**.

IAB Interview

On April 21, 2020, Deputy Garnica was interviewed by IAB investigators. The interview was conducted at the Internal Affairs Bureau office. Deputy Garnica was represented by his attorney, Ken Yuwiler.

On September 18, 2018, Deputy Garnica was working PM shift, Unit 23, with LET Mary Ramirez who was on a ride-along. Deputy Garnica was looking for a vehicle that was involved in An Assault with a Deadly Weapon crime on 6th Street and Bonnie Beach. The suspect's vehicle had a distinctive front license plate [redacted] Deputy Garnica located the suspect's vehicle stopped at a four way stop on Princeton Street and Eastman Avenue. The suspect's vehicle was in the westbound lane, made a right turn, and drove north on Princeton Street. Deputy Garnica followed the suspect's vehicle and initiated a code-9 radio broadcast over the SCC channel **[EXHIBIT H, google map of the code-9 route]**.

After Deputy Garnica initiated the code-9 radio broadcast, Air 21 was flying above and took control of the radio communication **(Deputy Garnica's transcripts, page 12)**. The suspect's vehicle drove at normal speeds and abided by the laws of the road. Deputy Garnica maintained a visual on the suspect's vehicle. While they traveled west on Whittier Boulevard, a second LASD unit joined the code-9. Prior to them entering the Salazar Park parking lot, a third LASD unit joined the code-9. Deputy Garnica did not initiate a felony traffic stop because of the close proximity of Salazar Park and the pedestrians inside the park **(Deputy Garnica's transcripts, page 12)**. The suspect's

vehicle drove over the raised curb and drove west through the park toward the access way, which led to Hicks Avenue. This is a common theme for "Laguna Park" gang members to run into the area because Hicks Avenue is known to have "Laguna Park" gang associates.

As the suspect's vehicle approached the access way, the front passenger door opened, a suspect (Suspect Martinez) exited, and ran west through the park. The suspect's vehicle stopped and Deputy Garnica stopped behind the suspect's vehicle. As soon as Deputy Garnica stopped, he heard gunshots. Deputy Garnica was seated in the driver's seat when he saw Suspect Herrera standing outside of the suspect's vehicle in a shooting stance that the Department teaches **(Deputy Garnica's transcripts, page 17)**. As Suspect Herrera shot at Deputy Garnica, Deputy Garnica heard and saw the muzzle flash coming from Suspect Herrera's gun as he fired it at him **(Deputy Garnica's transcripts, page 15)**.

Deputy Garnica attempted to exit his patrol vehicle when he felt he was shot on his chest. He described the pain as being "punched" on his chest. Deputy Garnica exited his patrol vehicle to get cover behind his door when he was shot on his face. He said, "It felt as if, someone hit me with a baseball bat across the face" **(Deputy Garnica's transcripts, page 16)**. Deputy Garnica subsequently swallowed the bullet that entered his face **(Deputy Garnica's transcripts, page 24)**. Deputy Garnica fell to the ground outside his patrol vehicle. He coughed up blood and got up from the ground because he felt Suspect Herrera was going to kill him. Deputy Garnica saw Suspect Herrera on the ground as he attempted to get up. Deputy Garnica fired one shot at Suspect Herrera because he believed Suspect Herrera was going to get up and shoot him, his partners, and/or LET Ramirez **(Deputy Garnica's transcripts, pages 16 and 17)**. Deputy Garnica was approximately fifteen feet away and shot at Suspect Herrera in a downward direction. Deputy Garnica retreated to his patrol vehicle where he fell to the ground. While he self-assessed his wounds, additional units arrived to assist. Deputies assisted him and Deputy Carbajal into a patrol vehicle. They were driven by patrol vehicle to LA-USC Medical Center where he was treated for his injuries.

INVOLVED EMPLOYEE DEPUTY JOE CARBAJAL

Homicide Interview

On October 9, 2018, Deputy Carbajal was interviewed by Homicide Investigators Duncan and Valencia. The interview was transcribed and can be found in the Homicide casebook **[EXHIBIT A, Volume II, pages 189-222]**.

IAB Interview

On April 21, 2020, Deputy Carbajal was interviewed by IAB investigators. The interview was conducted at the Internal Affairs Bureau office. Deputy Carbajal was represented by his attorney, Susan Jerich.

Deputy Carbajal was working ELA Crime Enforcement Team (CET), Unit 23B, with his partner Deputy Valle. Deputy Carbajal was driving and Deputy Valle was the passenger. On September 19, 2018, their shift began at 1200 hours.

IAB Note: Crime Enforcement Team (CET) is tasked to identify and quell crime trends in the county areas of East Los Angeles.

Deputies Carbajal and Valle were conducting a patrol check near the area of Salazar Park when they heard a call for service dispatched. The call involved a man with a gun in the area of Bonnie Beach and 6th street. Deputy Carbajal was familiar with that area because it is well-known for "Little Valley" gang members to loiter. Deputy Carbajal assumed "Laguna Park Vikings" gang members were involved with the above call for service. It is common knowledge to ELA personnel that "Little Valley" gang members feud with "Laguna Park" gang members. Knowing that "Laguna Park Vikings" gang members return to Salazar Park after committing crimes, Deputies Carbajal and Valle conducted a patrol check of Salazar Park. While at Salazar Park, Deputy Carbajal heard over the radio, Deputy Garnica indicated he was following behind the suspect's vehicle.

Deputy Carbajal followed the other patrol unit at Whittier Boulevard, while driving west. At this time, Deputies Carbajal and Valle were the second ELA unit during the pre-stop coordination and Air 21 took control of the radio communication. The suspect's vehicle entered Salazar Park and drove over a raised curb into the park. There were pedestrians in the park, but the suspect's vehicle drove in a southwest direction toward the access way toward Hicks Avenue. Deputy Carbajal has had numerous experiences dealing with "Laguna Park Vikings" gang members on Hicks Avenue and Salazar Park. Therefore, he believed the suspects in the vehicle were in fact "Laguna Park Vikings" gang members, and they attempted to flee using the access way from Salazar Park onto Hicks Avenue **(Deputy Carbajal's transcripts, page 12)**. The suspect's vehicle stopped just short of the access way and Deputy Garnica stopped behind the suspect's car. Deputy Carbajal drove to the right of Deputy Garnica's patrol vehicle and attempted to stop parallel to the other patrol unit. When Deputy Carbajal applied his brakes, his patrol vehicle slid on the field and came to a stop within ten feet from the suspect's vehicle. Deputy Carbajal communicated with Deputy Valle he believed the suspects were heading toward the cul-de-sac of Hicks Avenue. Deputy Carbajal believed the suspects were going to run or fire a gun at them **(Deputy Carbajal's transcripts, pages 15)**.

Simultaneously, a suspect (Suspect Martinez) ran from the front passenger door and west through the park. The driver (Suspect Herrera) exited and Deputy Carbajal heard approximately two to three gunshots. Deputy Carbajal attempted to exit his patrol vehicle when he saw Suspect Herrera on the driver's side as he walked toward the trunk of the suspect's vehicle. Suspect Herrera pointed his gun at Deputy Carbajal and shot him on his chest. Deputy Carbajal was seated in his patrol vehicle when he was shot **(Deputy Carbajal's transcripts, page 16 and 17)**. Deputy Carbajal exited his

patrol vehicle, took cover behind Deputy Garnica's patrol vehicle's engine block, and returned fire. Deputy Carbajal shot at Suspect Herrera because he believed suspect would continue to shoot at him or his partners **(Deputy Carbajal's transcripts, page 20)**. Deputy Carbajal fired approximately seven times at Suspect Herrera until Suspect Herrera disappeared behind the suspect's vehicle **(Deputy Carbajal's transcripts, page 21)**. Deputy Carbajal stopped shooting because Suspect Herrera stopped shooting at him, and he lost sight of Suspect Herrera. Deputy Carbajal took cover behind the back of Deputy Garnica's patrol vehicle where he discovered he was shot on his chest. Deputy Garnica was also at the back of the patrol vehicle and he was shot on his face. Assisting deputy personnel arrived and assisted Deputies Carbajal and Garnica into a patrol vehicle. Prior to being helped into a patrol vehicle, Deputy Carbajal heard additional gun fire and believed Suspect Herrera was shooting at them **(Deputy Carbajal transcripts, page 23 and 24)**. Deputy Abellano transported Deputies Carbajal and Garnica to Los Angeles County USC Medical Center **[EXHIBIT A, VOLUME I, pages 109, 110, 149, and 150]**.

INVOLVED EMPLOYEE DEPUTY LUIS VALLE

Homicide Interview

On September 20, 2018, Deputy Valle was interviewed by Homicide Investigators Duncan and Valencia. The interview was summarized in the Homicide casebook **[EXHIBIT A, VOLUME I, pages 131-134]**.

IAB Interview

On April 27, 2020, Deputy Valle was interviewed by IAB investigators. The interview was conducted at the Internal Affairs Bureau office. Deputy Valle was represented by his attorney, Amy Johnson.

Deputy Valle was working ELA CET, Unit 23B, with his partner Deputy Carbajal. Deputy Valle was the passenger and Deputy Carbajal was the driver. On September 19, 2018, their shift began at 1200 hours. Deputy Valle heard over the radio an assault with a deadly weapon/man with a gun call was dispatched. The call stated a man with a gun pointed it at someone and asked, "Where are you from?" Based on the nature and the location of the call, Deputy Valle believed "Little Valley" and "Laguna Park Vikings" gangs were involved.

> **IAB Note: "Little Valley" and "Laguna Park Vikings" are two illegal Criminal street gangs in the ELA station's reporting district.**

Deputies Carbajal and Valle drove onto Whittier Boulevard when they heard ELA Unit 23 was following behind the suspect's vehicle. As they joined to follow the suspect as the second ELA unit, Air 21 took over the radio communication. The suspect's vehicle drove to Salazar Park and drove over a raised curb and drove south in the park.

Deputy Valle believed the suspect's vehicle drove toward the access way where Hicks Avenue meets the park because that area is a common route for "Laguna Park Vikings" gang members run to escape from law enforcement contact **(Deputy Valle transcripts, page 10)**. The suspect's vehicle stopped approximately thirty feet from that access way. A suspect (Suspect Martinez) exited the front passenger door and ran west through the park. Deputy Valle was focused on Suspect Martinez when he heard gunshots. He then focused on the suspect's vehicle and heard Deputy Carbajal say he was shot. Simultaneously, Deputy Valle saw Suspect Herrera on the driver's side near the trunk of the suspect's vehicle pointing a gun at him. Deputy Valle believed Suspect Herrera was going to shoot him. Deputy Valle sought cover behind his patrol vehicle's engine block and fired his gun at Suspect Herrera approximately five to seven times **(Deputy Valle transcripts, page 17, 18, 21, and 30)**. He saw Suspect Herrera go down behind the suspect's vehicle and Deputy Valle stopped shooting. Deputy Valle walked to the rear of a patrol vehicle and saw Deputies Garnica and Carbajal bleeding. Deputy Valle advised SCC two deputies were shot and requested emergency medical services **(Deputy Valle transcripts, page 18)**.

Deputies Carbajal and Garnica told Deputy Valle they were okay. Deputy Valle then attempted to relocate Suspect Herrera. Deputy Valle advanced to Deputy Garnica's driver's door for cover, and saw Suspect Herrera lying face up on the ground unresponsive. Deputy Valle held his position of cover until assisting deputy personnel arrived. Once sufficient deputy personnel arrived, deputies tactically approached Suspect Herrera and the suspect's vehicle **(Deputy Valle transcripts, page 23)**. As deputy personnel approached Suspect Herrera and the suspect's vehicle, Suspect Herrera was unresponsive. As deputy personnel cleared the suspect's vehicle, they removed a third suspect (Suspect Cruz) from the vehicle who was unresponsive. Deputy personnel dragged Suspect Herrera away from the suspect's vehicle **(Deputy Valle transcripts, page 26)**. Shortly after, Deputy Valle was ordered to respond to ELA station.

INVOLVED EMPLOYEE DEPUTY SERGIO TREJO

Homicide Interview

On September 20, 2018, Deputy Trejo was interviewed by Homicide Investigators Duncan and Valencia. The interview was summarized in the Homicide casebook **[EXHIBIT A, VOLUME I, pages 134-136]**.

IAB Interview

On May 27, 2020, Deputy Trejo was interviewed by IAB investigators. The interview was conducted at the Internal Affairs Bureau office. Deputy Trejo was represented by his attorney, Amy Johnson.

Deputy Trejo was working ELA CET, Unit 20H2, with his partner Deputy Miguel Leon. Deputy Trejo was the passenger and Deputy Leon was the driver. When the assault

with a deadly weapon call was dispatched, they were patrolling near the area of Bonnie Beach and 6th Street. The area is known for "Little Valley" gang members to frequently visit. The "Little Valley" gang were known to clash with the "Laguna Park Vikings" gang. Deputies Trejo and Leon arrived at the location where the crime was committed **[EXHIBIT A, VOLUME I, pages 1 through 13, County of Los Angeles Sheriff's Department Incident Report]**. Deputies Trejo and Leon heard Deputy Garnica was following (Code 9) behind the suspect's vehicle. Air 21 broadcasted radio communication that the suspect's vehicle was south inside Salazar Park. Deputies Trejo and Leon drove to Salazar Park to assist.

When they arrived at Salazar Park to assist, Deputy Leon drove onto the park. Deputy Trejo noticed Deputy Carbajal walk toward Deputies Trejo and Leon's patrol vehicle. Deputy Carbajal held his neck and blood was running down his arm **(Deputy Trejo's transcripts page 12)**. Deputy Leon stopped their patrol vehicle next to Deputy Garnica's patrol vehicle and behind Deputy Carbajal's patrol vehicle. Deputy Trejo exited his patrol vehicle and took cover behind Deputy Carbajal's patrol vehicle's engine, which was approximately twenty-four feet away. Deputy Trejo did not hear any gunfire, but believed the threat to him and his partners was inside the suspect's vehicle **(Deputy Trejo's transcripts page 14)**. Deputy Trejo noticed the right rear passenger door was closed, but the window was down. He saw a male Hispanic (Suspect Cruz), bald head, seated in the back seat with his left hand on the driver's headrest. Deputy Trejo could not see Suspect Cruz's right hand **(Deputy Trejo's transcripts page 14)**. Suspect Cruz made eye contact with Deputy Trejo, raised his right hand, and pointed a gun at him. Deputy Trejo described the gun as "shiny" silver, circular shape, large barrel, and appeared to be a revolver **(Deputy Trejo's transcripts page 15)**.
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Deputy Trejo believed Suspect Cruz was going to shoot him because he noticed Deputy Carbajal bleeding from his neck and Suspect Cruz was now pointing a gun at him. Deputy Trejo fired his gun approximately eight times at Suspect Cruz **(Deputy Trejo's transcripts pages 15, 16, and 27)**. Deputy Trejo stopped firing when Suspect Cruz stopped moving. Deputy Trejo looked to his west and saw Deputy Miramontes had detained another suspect (Suspect Martinez). Deputy Trejo believed Suspect Cruz was no longer a threat so he and Deputy Leon drove their patrol vehicle to assist Deputy Miramontes. Deputies Trejo and Leon assisted Deputy Miramontes and detained Suspect Martinez **[EXHIBIT A, VOLUME I, pages 27 through 30 and EXHIBIT G, surveillance video]**. Deputy Trejo noticed deputy personnel had cleared the suspect's vehicle. Deputies removed Suspect Cruz from the suspect's vehicle and provided medical aid **(Deputy Trejo's transcripts pages 22 and 23)**. Shortly after, Deputy Trejo was transported to ELA station.

WITNESS LAW ENFORCEMENT TECHNICIAN MARY RAMIREZ

On September 20, 2018, LET Ramirez was interviewed by Homicide Investigators Michael Austin, [redacted] and Marcelo Quintero, #[redacted] The interview was summarized **[EXHIBIT A, VOLUME I, pages 150 through 153]**. Precise wording may

be obtained by reviewing the digital audio recorded interview **[EXHIBIT G, interviews Austin-Quintero]**.

Witness Ramirez was seated in the passenger seat of Deputy Garnica's patrol vehicle. The suspect vehicle stopped inside the park, the driver (Suspect Herrera) exited, and immediately began shooting at their patrol vehicle. Witness Ramirez immediately leaned forward and ducked down in her seat. She heard glass shatter around her. Witness Ramirez described Suspect Herrera's gun as being a handgun. She could not recall how many times Suspect Herrera fired his gun, but it was more than once.

When the shooting stopped, Witness Ramirez heard someone say two deputies were down. She looked in her mirror and saw Deputy Garnica, to the rear of the patrol vehicle, on his knees bleeding from his face and neck. Witness Ramirez looked up and saw two suspects on the ground handcuffed as deputies performed CPR on them.

WITNESS DEPUTY JUSTIN WAITES

On May 28, 2020, Deputy Waites was interviewed by an IAB investigator at ELA station. On September 18, 2018, Deputy Waites was working PM shift, Unit 23A, with his partner Deputy Erin Rosario, #[redacted] Deputy Waites arrived after the incident and stated in his report **[EXHIBIT A, VOLUME I, page 35]** the suspect's head was not faced in a westerly direction.

Deputy Waites clarified when he arrived at Salazar Park he saw a male Hispanic (Suspect Herrera) lying face up with his head in a westerly direction and his feet in an easterly direction **(Deputy Waites' transcripts, page 3)**.

SUSPECT HECTOR MARTINEZ

On September 19, 2018, Suspect Martinez was interviewed by Homicide Investigators Antonio Guillen, #[redacted] and Eduardo Aguirre, #[redacted] The interview was summarized, audio recorded, and transcribed in the Homicide casebook **[EXHIBT A, VOLUME I, pages 119 and 120 and VOLUME II, pages 1 through 12 and EXHIBIT G, interviews Guillen-Aguirre]**.

On September 21, 2018, Suspect Martinez was interviewed by IAB investigators. Precise wording may be obtained by reviewing the digitally audio recorded interview and verbatim transcriptions.

Suspect Martinez was at Salazar Park with his friend (Suspect Cruz, aka "Slim") as they smoked marijuana. Suspects Martinez and Cruz were "faded" on marijuana when a gang member (Suspect Herrera) from "Laguna Park Vikings" told Suspects Martinez and Cruz to get into his vehicle **(Suspect Martinez' transcripts, page 6)**.

IAB Note: The term "faded" is street slang for being under the Influence of marijuana.

Suspect Herrera was the driver, Suspect Martinez was in the front passenger seat, and Suspect Cruz was in the rear seat. Suspect Herrera's behavior was odd and Suspect Martinez believed Suspect Herrera was under the influence of methamphetamine **(Suspect Martinez' transcripts, page 16)**. They drove around for approximately five minutes when Suspect Martinez noticed the police behind them. Suspect Herrera drove into Salazar Park and said, "We're done" while he pulled out a gun **(Suspect Martinez' transcripts, page 18 and 19)**. As Suspect Herrera drove over a raised curb and into the park, Suspect Martinez ran out of the suspect's vehicle. He ran toward Alma Avenue when he heard numerous gun shots. Suspect Martinez said he was hit by a patrol vehicle, and detained **(Suspect Martinez' transcripts, pages 5, 6, and 22)**.

IAB Note: Suspect Martinez' allegation of being ran over by deputy personnel is being investigated under file number 919-00065-2003-441 and IAB IV 2499015.

Suspect Martinez remembered he heard approximately three gunshots before he was detained by deputies, and heard an additional three gunshots while being detained. He remembered the first three gunshots being louder than the last three gunshots **(Suspect Martinez' transcripts, page 130 and 31)**. After he heard six gunshots, Suspect Martinez was handcuffed and placed inside a patrol vehicle. Suspect Hector Martinez was not charged with a crime and subsequently released.